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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2004 (Paper No. 20040508), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2004 for two (2) months from August 12, 2004 to October 12, 2004. Please charge the fee for the three-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-3372.

A Request for Continued Examination is also being filed in the event that the Amendment is not entered by the Examiner.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Please amend claim 1, as shown in the attached sheet (page 4).